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SUBJECT: TEXTILE SURVEILLANCE BODY MEETING-SEPTEMBER 19-21

1. SEVENTH SESSION TSB CONVENED MORNING SEPTEMBER 19,
ADJOURNED EVENING SEPTEMBER 20 WITH INFORMAL MEETING

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SMALL GROUP WITH CHAIRMAN WURTH MORNING SEPTEMBER 21.

2. FORMAL SESSIONS DEVOTED TO (A) DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL WITHOUT CHANGE MINUTES OF SIXTH SESSION (TEX.SB/W/18-COPY BEING AIRPOUCHED UNDER REFERENCE THIS TEL); (B) REVIEW OF ARTICLE 2 PARA 1 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST SESSION; (C) CONTINUED REVIEW ARTICLE 3 "BILATERALS" NOTIFIED BY CANADA (SINGAPORE AND KOREA) AND TWO ARTICLE 4 NOTIFICATIONS BY AUSTRIA (EGYPT AND KOREA) AND; FINALLY (D) LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF FORMAT FOR COVERING NOTES TO BE PREPARED BY COUNTRIES NOTIFYING ACTIONS UNDER EITHER ARTICLE 3 AND ARTICLE 4. IN THIS CONNECTION, CHAIRMAN WURTH INVITED U.S., SCANDINAVIAN, EC AND KOREAN MEMBERS TSB TO INFORMAL DRAFTING SESSION MORNING SEPTEMBER 21. GROUP AGREED ON BASIC REQUIREMENTS SUCH NOTIFICATIONS AND "DRAFTED" FORMAT TO BE RECOMMENDED TO TC FOLLOWING APPROVAL TSB NEXT SESSION. AIRPOUCHING "DRAFTS" UNDER REFERENCE THIS MESSAGE.

3. DATES FOR NEXT SESSIONS (SEE PARA 4) AGREED AS OCTOBER 12-14, NOVEMBER 14-16 AND DECEMBER 5, 6, 7 (PROBABLY TO BE FOLLOWED BY TC MEETING).

4. CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, AS USUAL, FAR MORE INTERESTING THAN FORMAL SESSIONS. UNILATERAL ACTION UNDER ARTICLE 3 PARA 6 BY AUSTRALIA AGAINST KOREA DEEMED MOST LIKELY PROVOKE SECOND MEETING IN OCTOBER. INDIAN DISSATISFACTION WITH SCANDINAVIAN INTERPRETATION OF "COTTAGE INDUSTRY" EXCLUSION PROVISIONS OF ARRANGEMENT AS WELL AS HONG KONG DISPLEASURE WITH SCANDINAVIAN INTERPRETATION ARTICLE 1 PARA 2 ("MINIMUM VIABLE PRODUCTION" STANDARDS) ARE ALSO LIKELY BECOME LIVE ISSUES BEFORE TSB IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

5. OF MAJOR CONCERN TO TSB MEMBERS IS PERSISTENT RUMOR THAT EC WILL ASK FOR TIME EXTENSION FOR BRINGING UNILATERALS INTO CONSONANCE WITH ARRANGEMENT. MOST EXPORTING COUNTRY REPS, WHILE RECOGNIZING INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING EC COMMISSION IN OBTAINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE, ARE INCLINED, NEVERTHELESS, TO VIEW POSSIBLE EC REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AS DELIBERATE STALL AND FRUSTRATION OF INTENT AND PURPOSE OF ARRANGEMENT. U.S. REP, AFTER LENGTHY PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EC REP, FORCED CONCLUDE THAT EC REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE AND, IN WHICH EVENT, IN PRESENT STATE OF MIND EXPORTING COUNTRIES, COULD POSE SERIOUS THREAT TO EXISTENCE ARRANGEMENT.

6. WILL FOLLOW CLOSELY EC SITUATION AND REPORT AS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED. DALE

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